

Introduction to his book by Imam Ibn Hajar Al-Asqalani

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Praise and salutation:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ الظَّاهِرَةِ وَالْبَاطِنَةِ قَدِيمًا وَحَدِيثًا، وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى
نَبِيِّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ؛ مُحَمَّدٍ، وَآلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ؛ الَّذِينَ سَارُوا فِي نُصْرَةِ دِينِهِ سِيرًا حَسَنًا، وَعَلَى
أَتْبَاعِهِمُ الَّذِينَ وَرَثُوا عِلْمَهُمْ - وَالْعُلَمَاءُ وَرَثَةُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ - أَكْرَمَ بِهِمْ وَارِثًا وَمَوْرُوثًا.
أَمَّا بَعْدُ:

All praise to Allah, the Almighty for His open and concealed bounties, from the very early times to the current moment (and onwards). May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon His final Prophet and Messenger ﷺ, his family and companions, and all those who put in the best of their efforts for aid and support of the His deen (until the Day of Judgment), as well as those who follow them and become the inheritors of their knowledge, for indeed the scholars (Ulema) are the heirs of the Prophets! May Allah, the Almighty bless them all and their followers.

The purpose of this book:

فَهَذَا مُخْتَصَرٌ يَشْتَمِلُ عَلَى أَصُولِ الْأَدِلَّةِ الْحَدِيثِيَّةِ لِلْأَحْكَامِ الشَّرْعِيَّةِ، حَرَّرْتُهُ
تَخْرِيرًا بَالِغًا؛ لِيَصِيرَ مَنْ يَخْفِظُهُ [مِنْ] بَيْنِ أَقْرَانِهِ نَابِغًا، وَيَسْتَعِينُ بِهِ الطَّالِبُ الْمُبْتَدِي،
وَلَا يَسْتَغْنِي عَنْهُ الرَّاعِبُ الْمُتَّهِي.

This is a concise book comprising of ahadith, which are sources of the Shariah. I have made a meticulous compilation so that the one who memorizes it will excel among his peers. It may assist the beginner who is seeking more knowledge while at the same time the advance reader would also find it beneficial.

Key terms used in the book:

وَقَدْ بَيَّنْتُ عَقِيبَ كُلِّ حَدِيثٍ مَنْ أَخْرَجَهُ مِنَ الْأَثْمَةِ؛ لِإِرَادَةِ تَضَحُّيِ الْأُمَّةِ.

I have indicated at the end of every Hadith the Imam who collected it for the benefit of the ummah.

فَالْمُرَادُ بِالسَّبْعَةِ: أَحْمَدُ^(١)، وَالبُّخَارِيُّ^(٢)، وَمُسْلِمٌ^(٣)، وَأَبُو دَاوُدَ^(٤)،
وَالنَّسَائِيُّ^(٥)، وَالتِّرْمِذِيُّ^(٦)، وَابْنُ مَاجَهَ^(٧).
وَبِالسَّتَّةِ : مَنْ عَدَا أَحْمَدَ .
وَبِالْخَمْسَةِ : مَنْ عَدَا البُّخَارِيَّ وَمُسْلِمًا . وَقَدْ أَقُولُ : الْأَرْبَعَةُ ، وَأَحْمَدُ .
وَبِالْأَرْبَعَةِ : مَنْ عَدَا الثَّلَاثَةَ الْأُولَى .
وَبِالثَّلَاثَةِ : مَنْ عَدَاهُمْ ، وَالْأَخِيرَ .

I have used the following abbreviations:

The **seven Imams** refers to:

1. Ahmad
2. Al-Bukhari
3. Muslim
4. Abu Dawud
5. At-Tirmidhi
6. An-Nasai and
7. Ibn Majah

The **six Imams** refers to:

1. Al-Bukhari,
2. Muslim,
3. Abu Dawud,
4. At-Tirmidhi,
5. An-Nasa'i and
6. Ibn Majah.

The **five Imams** refers to:

1. Ahmad,
2. Abu Dawud,
3. At-Tirmidhi,
4. An-Nasa'i and
5. Ibn Majah.

They may also be referred to as: **the four and Ahmad**.

The **four Imams** refers to:

1. Abu Dawud,

2. At-Tirmidhi,
3. An-Nasa'i and
4. Ibn Majah,

The **three Imams** refers to:

1. Abu Dawud,
2. At-Tirmidhi,
3. An-Nasa'i.

وَبِالْمُتَّفَقِ : الْبُخَارِيُّ ، وَمُسْلِمٌ . وَقَدْ لَا أَذْكُرُ مَعَهُمَا غَيْرَهُمَا .
وَمَا عَدَا ذَلِكَ فَهُوَ مُبَيَّنٌ .

Agreed upon refers to:

1. Al-Bukhari and
2. Muslim.

Name of the book and author's prayer

وَسَمَّيْتُهُ :

«بُلُوغَ الْمَرَامِ
مِنْ
أَدِلَّةِ الْأَحْكَامِ»

وَاللَّهُ أَسْأَلُ أَنْ لَا يَجْعَلَ مَا عَلَّمْنَا عَلَيْنَا وَبَالًا ، وَأَنْ يَرْزُقَنَا الْعَمَلَ بِمَا يُرْضِيهِ
سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى .

I have called this book: "Bulugh al-Maraam min Adillat Al-Ahkam" (Attainment of the Objective in terms of the Evidence of the Legal Judgments); and I ask Allah that what we have learnt may not be a calamity against us! May He guide us to act according to what pleases Him, the Almighty.